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For: FLAVOR ENHANCER, FOOD OR
BEVERAGE CONTAINING THE FLAVOR
ENHANCER, AND METHOD OF FLAVOR
ENHANCEMENT

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Following the title, please insert the following paragraphs:

Cross-Reference to Prior Application

This application is a U.S. national phase application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/009823, filed July 9, 2004, and claims the benefit of Japanese Application No. 2003-272757, filed July 10, 2003, both of which are incorporated by reference herein. The International Application was published in Japanese on January 20, 2005 as International Publication No. WO 2005/004635 under PCT Article 21(2).